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SUBJECT: JCCIA MEETING AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS ON FOREIGN TROOP
WITHDRAWAL

1. REGULAR JCCIA MEETING HELD AS SCHEDULED MAY 23 AND APPARENTLY
DID NOT DISCUSS POW/MIA MATTERS, JUDGING FROM SPOKESMEN'S
COMMENTS AFTERWARDS. HOWEVER, IT DID MAKE NUMBER OF IMPORTANT
PROCEDURAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL DECISIONS.

2. VIENTIANE SIDE DELEGATION SPOKESMAN LANE TOLD PRESS THAT THREE
JOINT MOBILE TEAMS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AND ARE READY TO BEGIN
DEMARCATON OF RESPECTIVE SIDES' ZONES BUT LACK TRANSPORTATION.
LANE SAID SIX HELICOPTERS WILL BE NEEDED FOR THESE THREE TEAMS.
LANE ADDED THAT JCCIA WILL REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM ICC AND SOME
FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE HELICOPTERS. TEAMS ARE READY TO
BEGIN WORK AS SOON AS HELICOPTERS ARE AVAILABLE.

3. LANE CONTINUED THAT CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED IN JCCIA SESSION
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THAT FOREIGN TROOP WITHDRAWAL COULD NOT BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 4

BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTIES IN IMPLEMENTING NECESSARY PRIOR CEASE-FIRE ARRANGEMENTS: I.E., DEMARCATION STAKES HAVE NOT BEEN EMPLACED AND CHECKOUT POINT FOR TROOPS NOT YET ESTABLISHED.

4. LANE ALSO DISCUSSED APPARENT CONTINUING DIFFICULTIES IN ATTAINING FULL COMPLEMENT OF JOINT POLICE FORCE IN LUANG PRABANG, EVACUATION OF T-28 FIGHTER BOMBERS FROM VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG, AND COMPLAINTS BY VIENTIANE SIDE DELEGATION ABOUT LPF PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS AND RADIO PATHET LAO PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS.

5. RLG SECSTATE FOR INFORMATION OUDAY, AT REGULAR WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE THIS MORNING, ANNOUNCED THAT PGNU HAD DECIDED AT CABINET MEETING YESTERDAY TO LAUNCH URGENT APPEAL TO ALL COUNTRIES WITH TROOPS IN LAOS TO SCRUPULOUSLY COMPLY WITH ARTICLE 20 OF PARIS ACCORDS AND VIENTIANE AGREEMENT, I.E., TO WITHDRAW THEIR TROOPS BEFORE JUNE 4. SPOKESMAN SAID JCCIA YESTERDAY FORWARDED LETTER TO ICC REQUESTING THAT BODY TO MAKE ITSELF READY TO COOPERATE WITH THREE JOINT MOBILE TEAMS WHICH HAVE JUST BEEN ESTABLISHED BY JCCIA FOR CONTROL OF FOREIGN TROOP WITHDRAWAL.

6. OUDAY ADDED THAT "IF ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER SUSPECT THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS IN SOME PART OF LAOS, IT MAY IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE OPPOSITE SIDE'S DELEGATION TO JCCIA TO REQUEST THAT A JOINT MOBILE TEAM BE DEPLOYED AT LOCATION IN QUESTION. HOWEVER, OUDAY STATED, ANY DECISION ON THIS SUBJECT MUST HAVE UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF BOTH PARTIES."
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